

CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication: Explosive Pens

Other known title(s): Not stated

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Medium: Text File

Publisher: Not stated

Country of origin: Not stated

Language: English

Applicant: Commissioner of Police

Classification:	Objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 13 years.
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Descriptive note: None

Display conditions: None

Date of entry in Register: 24 June 2019

Date of direction to issue a label: No direction to issue a label has been issued

Date of notice of decision: 24 June 2019

Summary of reasons for decision:

The text file contains instructions for the construction of a highly fanciful explosive device. The unavailability of key components, and the improbability of the device being at all successful mean that the publication cannot seriously be considered promotional or encouraging of crime. However, the unrestricted availability of the publication is still likely to be injurious to the public good. Children may well be enticed by the prospect of constructing the device and may attempt to assemble it using materials that are accessible in their homes. This experimentation could be seriously harmful to themselves or others. Teenagers and adults are likely to have the maturity to recognise the nature of the device and the potential harm to themselves or others in the assembly and application of it. Therefore, this text file is restricted to those aged 13 and over, as this is the lowest reasonable limitation on the right to freedom of expression contained in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 necessary in order to prevent injury to the public good.